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Discovery Science Center has been awarded recovery funds over the last two years through the CT Humanities Cultural Fund. These funds have been important for our ability to hire new staff after all of the layoffs due to COVID-19. We have also been able to upgrade some of our facilities and exhibits to make them more visitor friendly. Our visitation numbers have gone way up, and many visitors are coming from outside of the State of Connecticut. For organizations like ours to thrive and serve not only our local constituents, but also visitors coming from other states who are supporting local tourism, we need to have more funds available to keep growing our organizations and to keep exhibits fresh for visitors from near and far. Each family coming to Discovery will generally visit other tourist attractions nearby as well as restaurants and hotels. This is important for growing our entire economy and creating jobs. I urge you to support the Roadmap for Arts, Culture, and Tourism.

Sincerely,

Eileen Bakos
Director of Development

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Dear Governor Lamont:

I would like to thank you for supporting cultural organizations in Connecticut and for recognizing the important role that CT Humanities has in helping our state's arts, humanities, and cultural institutions recover from the pandemic and continue to serve the public.

SHU Discovery Science Center and Planetarium was recently awarded a \$5,000 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from CT Humanities, with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

This operating support grant will help us to promote our reopening as a totally reimagined Science Center. We are collaborating with Greater Bridgeport Transit, which has offered us at least one bus to advertise. This funding will pay for a bus wrap on a bus that will go up and down Park Avenue. This will help us grow our programming and our ability to serve the people of Bridgeport. Our programs, which are free to Bridgeport Public School students, are generally the first exposure that many have to STEAM education and they help ignite a lifelong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

Thank you for your role in supporting the work of the Discovery Museum and Planetarium and CT Humanities. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to learn more!

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